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SUBJ: JOINT COMMISSION MEETING: COMPLAINT AGAINST
ROMCHIM BY SOHIO
REF: STATE 285823

1. SINCE SOHIO TRADE COMPLAINT (REFTEL) WAS NOT RAISED AT NOVEMBER JOINT COMMISSION MEETING, EMBASSY SHORTLY THEREAFTER ATTEMPTED TO ARRANGE MEETING WITH ROMCHIM GENERAL MANAGING DIRECTOR PATRUBANI TO DISCUSS SUBJECT. DUE TO HIS PARTICIPATION IN TOKYO MEETING OF JAPANESE-ROMANIAN ECONOMIC COUNCIL, MEETING TOOK PLACE ONLY ON DECEMBER 21.

2. PATRUBANI REPORTED THAT REPRESENTATIVES FROM BADGER CO. (RUESS) AND SOHIO (CHANDLER) HAD JUST LEFT BUCHAREST DECEMBER 17 AFTER QUOTE FRIENDLY NEGOTIATIONS UNQUOTE WITH ROMCHIM. BADGER-SOHIO HAD PUT FORTH QUOTE CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL UNQUOTE FOR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE, AND PATRUBANI SAID THAT U.S. FIRM HAD EXPRESSED DESIRE NOT TO PURSUE LITIGATION. ROMCHIM WILL STUDY PROPOSAL AND NEGOTIATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN MID-FEBRUARY WHEN U.S. COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES RETURN TO BUCHAREST.

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3. IN REPORTING TO SOHIO ON MEETING, PLEASE NOTE EMBASSY PERPLEXITY THAT WE WERE NOT CONTACTED BY THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHEN THEY WERE IN BUCHAREST WEEK OF DECEMBER 13 TO DISCUSS SUBJECT COMPLAINT WITH ROMCHIM. UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES WE PRESUME THAT RESOLUTION OF DIFFERENCES IS PROCEEDING

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